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RUSH OF FINAL WEEK IS BEGUN

Both Branches Sitting Long and Often, and Considering Many. Bills,

BLACKSTONE MATTER IN HOUSE AGAIN

Attack on Racing Bill Causes Big Stir, and an Effort Is Made to Have It Recommitted. Caucus To-Night for Election of Judges.

BY LEWIS H. MACHEN.

lation the associations could be limited to two, or even to one. The bill should, if passed, be accompanied by a re-enactment of the act of 1895-6, page 576, found in Pollard's Code, section 2818b. This is a comprehensive prohibition against most forms of race-track gambling, but was held in the case of Lacey vs. Palmer in 93 Virginia Reports, page 159, unconstitutional as to everything except poolselling, because of a defective title. Efforts were made at the last two sessions of the Legislature to re-enact this law with a perfect title, but they were unsuccessful. The gamblers, with the aid of some of their legal and political allies, were able, in the congestion of the short sessions, to kill the bill by obstruction. Certainly, the people of the State would condemn with the utmost emphasis any statute which might permit the recurrence of such a condition as curse, and blighted Alexandria county a few years ago. If the bill can be amended so as to make these evils impossible, it will meet the approva of the large and respectable element in the State who desire legitimate racing, without gambling features. There will yet remain, however, another larg and equally respectable element who do not wish racing in the State under any conditions.

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A number of bills were voted down in both houses, which is an argument against those who insist that the only way to kill objectionable measures is by strangulation in a short session. The difficulty about this method is that it does not discriminate between the innocent and the guilty. A large number of bills were passed, many merely local, and some of but slight general interest.

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Interest.

To-day or to-morrow the bill to remove the license tax from doctors will precipitate another medical discussion. The advocates of the bill claim to have seventy votes sure. If the chairman of the Finance Committee does not marshal his forces quickly and hurl them with unexpected force against

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Steamer From Porto Rico With 120
Passengers Leaves Course in Fog.
NEW YORK, March 2.—After being tightly wedged for ten hours to-day on the sand keys that furrow the hallow waters off Jones Beach, known y mariners, the standard of Long Island sown y mariners, the standard of Long Island sown y mariners.

The Italian cruiser Etruria from ports was one of to-day's arri-to attend the carnival.

FOG TIES UP STEAMERS

NO EXTENSION OF TIME

FALL INTO BOILING WATER

WILL NOT OPEN LETTERS

Mrs. Hayes Refuses to Go Into Davis
Papers to Settle Grant-Thomas Matter
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 2.—Mrs.
Margaret Howell Hayes announced today that she will not disturb the private correspondence of her father,
Prosident Jefferson Davis, to settle the
controversy over the report that Gencrals Grant and Thomas tendered their
services to the Confederacy. She believes the matter should be treated in
silence.

CHEAP GAS PLAN

Finance Committee Urges Council Not to Cut Revenue and Thereby Increase Taxes.

WORK OF POLITICIANS, POLLOCK DECLARES

Strong Argument Presented That City Cannot Afford Reduction. People to Decide on Municipal Light Plant at Polls--Stormy

Mr. Hunsdon Cary did not believe the financial condition justified a cut in prices. He said there were three statements as to what the Gas Works earned, and in the confusion he suggested that it was the part of wisdom to remain on the safe side and not make a reduction.

Declaring with some feeling that he

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DEFENDS HIS MOTHER

KILLED WIFE WITH AX

Horrible Crime of a Drunken Farmer Near Wilson, N. C. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WILSON, N. C., March 2.—This morn-ing, near this place, Will Lewis a

HIGH WATER AT PITTSBURG

SCHUMANN-HEINK AMERICAN

Fair and colder.

CHIEF STONE GIVEN CHARGE STILL ALL AT SEA

Republican Forces Divided, and Democrats Have Not Drafted Report.

ENTIRE BLOCK FOR NEW RICHMOND POST-OFFICE

To Acquire Rest of Property Would Solve Problem of Lighting and Make Handsomer Building-Bill for New Public Building at Covington.

representing the State Corpora-Commission, and also by A. C. sen, representing the State Corpora-tion Commission, and also by A. C. Braxton and John W. Daniel, associ-ate counsel representing the commis-sion and the Commonwealth. There are four of these cases ad-vanced, to be heard as one case, all of them growing out of the order of the Virginia Corporation Commission

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HOPE FOR RECONCILIATION

PLAY ENDS IN DEATH

TAMPA'S LOSS VERY GREAT

VIRGINIAN PROBABLE SUICIDE

EXTENDS TO POST-OFFICE

CHIEF KILLS MAN WHO ATTACKS HIM

Shippy, of Chicago, Shoots Assassin Who Tries to Murder Whole Family.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE IN HOME OF OFFICER

Stranger, Who Was Suspected as Soon as He Entered Door, Wounds Officer, His Son and Driver-One of Band of Conspirators.

HICAGO, March 2. Chief Police George M. Shippy, his son Harry and his driver James

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lee, a porter, who had married his niece against his will. Discovering his mistake as Anderson fell, Hampton turned the revolver upon himself.

TRIAL OF RAYMOND HITCHCOCK MUST PROCEED NEXT WEEK ASYMOND HITCHCOCK MUST PROCEED NEXT WEEK Asymond Hitchcock, the comedian, en indictments growing out of charges preferred by young girls, which was to have begun in the Supreme Court to-day was adjourned until March 10th. The postponement of the opening of the trial was granted by Justice Blanchard on motion of the defense because John B. Stanchfield, of Hitchcock's counsel, was engaged in another court. The beginning of the Hitchcock's counsel, was engaged in another court. The beginning of the Hitchcock's raish has been postponed several times, and Justice Blanchard said to-day that no further delays would be tolerated.

VIRGINIA PASSENGER RATE CASE SET FOR THE NEXT TERM WASHINGTON, D. C. March 2—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day advised the hearing in four of the six Virginia passenger rate cases, setting it for the first Monday in the next term of the court,

For the First Two Months of 1908 the Local Business of The Times-Dispatch GAINED 2,515 Inches

The News Leader The Evening Journal LOST LOST 3,396 Inches 4 1,960 Inches

> IT IS SUPREME IN VIRGINIA. THE TIMES-DISPATCH, Richmond, Va.